

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 1 to 13 are pending in the present application. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, the Applicant respectfully notes that page 3 of the Final Office Action states that claims 1 to 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). However, the Final Office Action also mentions claims 10 to 13 in the statement of that rejection. To facilitate prosecution, Applicant has responded to that rejection as though also applied to claims 10 to 13. Clarification is nevertheless respectfully requested.

II. Rejection of Claims 1 to 13 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1 to 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,418,965 (“Mahar”). Applicant respectfully submits that Mahar does not anticipate the present claims as amended herein for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 has been amended herein without prejudice to recite that the voucher data and/or the shipping data accompanies goods to be shipped. Mahar fails to disclose, or even suggest, this feature.

Claim 1 has also been amended herein without prejudice to recite that the checking includes: verifying the sender is authorized to send; determining whether a syntax of the data record conforms with a specified standard; and checking for conformity with a purchase order;. These amendments are fully supported by the present application, including the Specification. Mahar fails to disclose, or even suggest, these features of a checking.

The Office Action asserts that Mahar describes “a table for storing errors and . . . storage for more than one kind of error.” Even assuming this is true -- which is not conceded -- Mahar does not disclose, or even suggest, **storing a data record** in a defined access area of the information system if the data record is faulty, as recited in claim 1. A table of error messages is included in the error handling routines of dBDO (Col. 13, lines 46-48). However, the **error messages** stored in the table are not **data records** as set forth in claim 1. The error messages are not checked by the information system for a presence of errors and are not routed to a receiver if the data record is error-free as data records of claim 1.

Similarly, Mahar does not anticipate claim 5 for at least the above reasons.

As regards claims 2 to 4 and 10 to 11, which depend from claim 1, and claims 6 to 9 and 12 to 13, which depend from claim 5, it is respectfully submitted that Mahar does not anticipate these dependent claims for at least the same reasons more fully set forth above.

In addition, claim 4 recites analyzing a number and a type of errors of **faulty data records**. As discussed above, Mahar fails to describe, or even suggest, a data record as recited. The table of error messages as referred to in the Final Office Action do not include data records. Similarly, the table of error messages do not include faulty data records.

In addition, claim 11 recites that a faulty data record is stored with an associated error code. As discussed above, Mahar fails to describe, or even suggest, a data record as recited. While Mahar describes a table of error messages, these error messages are not associated with faulty data records.

In addition, claim 13 recites an associated error code stored with the faulty data record. Similar to the discussion regarding claim 11, Mahar fails to describe, or even suggest, error codes associated with faulty data records.

In view of all of the foregoing, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Conclusion

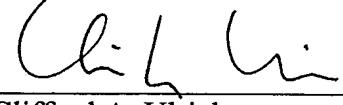
It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

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